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TAGS: PINT BM

SUBJ: PPP TERRORIST ATTACKS

1. ON MARCH 2, PEASANTS' DAY AND 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1962 COUP, PPP CARRIED OUT TWO GRENADE ATTACKS CAUSING TWO DEATHS AND A NUMBER OF WOUNDED. IN FIRST INCIDENT, TERRORIST THREW GRENADE IN CROWD NEAR SCOTT (CENTRAL) MARKET INJURING 17-18 PERSONS. ASSAILANT WAS PURSUED TO RANGOON GENERAL HOSPITAL COMPOUND WHERE HIS SECOND GRENADE KILLED TWO PERSONS. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPREHENDED AND ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES ADMITTED TO HAVING BEEN HIRED BY PPP TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS.

2. IN SECOND INCIDENT SAME DAY, GRENADE EXPLODED AT THE KYAIKKASAN STADIUM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PEASANTS' DAY MASS RALLY. FOUR PERSONS WERE REPORTED INJURED. POLICE HAVE DETAINED SEVERAL SUSPECTS BUT CANNOT YET CONFIRM IDENTITY OF ASSAILANT. THEY PRESUME IT TO BE THE WORK OF THE PPP.

3. COMMENT: PPP OBVIOUSLY TIMED ATTACK TO UPSET GUB'S EFFORTS TO USE PEASANTS'DAY AS MASS SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR CURRENT REGIME. IN THIS INSTANCE PPP RESORTED TO EARLIER PRACTICE OF HITTING CROWDED PUBLIC PLACES RATHER THAN MORE RECENT TACTIC OF TARGET-
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ING FOREIGN MISSIONS HERE. COMPETENCE OF PPP-HIRED TERRORISTS

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